



VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK

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MINUTES

SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING

Village Hall - 640 NE 114th Street

Biscayne Park, FL 33161

Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 6:30pm

Mayor and Commission

Noah Jacobs
Mayor

Robert "Bob" Anderson
Vice Mayor

Bryan Cooper
Commissioner

Roxanna Ross
Commissioner

Commissioner Watts
Commissioner

Ana M. Garcia
Village Manager

John J. Hearn
Village Attorney

Maria C. Camara
Village Clerk

1 Call to Order

Mayor Noah Jacobs called the meeting to order at 6:44pm.

2 Roll Call

Mayor Noah Jacobs - present

Vice Mayor Anderson - present

Commissioner Cooper - absent

Commissioner Roxanna Ross - present

Commissioner Barbara Watts - present

Present from staff were:

Village Manager Ana M. Garcia

Village Clerk Maria C. Camara

Village Attorney John Hearn

Chief Ray Atesiano

Assistant to the Manager, Candido Sosa-Cruz

Finance Director Irwin Williams

Assistant Public Works Director Cesar Hernandez

Clerk Camara recognized former Village of Biscayne Park Mayor Richard Eder and Village of Miami Shores Vice Mayor Jesse Walters.

Clerk Camara read the actions taken at the first "Village of Biscayne Park" meeting from June 23, 1933.

4 Presentations

- 4.a Representative Daphne Campbell provided a recap on legislative actions and reconfirmed her pledge to continue to seek funding for the restoration of the Village Hall log cabin. Representative Campbell also presented a proclamation in honor of our 80th anniversary.

5 Additions, Deletions or Withdrawals to Agenda
< None >

6 Public Comment

Caitlyn Spurr: Member of the Recreation Advisory Board. The board cannot raise enough funds for a movie night. Looking to roll over funds from one year to the next. Need to look into the funds raised at the two car shows which are sitting in the Biscayne Park Foundation. Want to use for park and recreation events.

10 Ordinances - SECOND READING

7.A Ordinance 2013-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 166.041, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2011-05 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2011, FINALIZING AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING **BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-12**, AND THAT WAS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 2012-13 ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 7, 2012, BY **FURTHER AMENDING VARIOUS PARTS OF THE BUDGET** CONSISTENT WITH EXHIBIT "A", ATTACHED HERETO; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Attorney Hearn read the title.

Mayor Jacobs opened the meeting for public comment, and there were none.

Vice Mayor Anderson makes a motion to approve Ordinance 2013-08 at second reading and it is seconded by Commissioner Ross.

All in favor: Mayor Jacobs, Vice Mayor Anderson, Commissioner Ross and Commissioner Watts

Opposed: None

Motion carries: 4/0

8 Final Public Comment

< None >

Commission comments:

Mayor Jacobs: Wonderful being part of this vibrant community. Have heard a little about the history from the Clerk. We have so much more vibrancy and future to look forward to. Though the Village is not growing physically, we are still growing and enhancing our services. We started in 1933 out of the Depression. We are now embracing today's technology and the future with bright smiles. Doing all we can with problem homes and getting them re-inhabited. Two years ago we had 22 uninhabitable residences, and today we only have one. Other enhancements include community policing, neighborhood activities, Recreation Board working with the Recreation Center. To work as a community is a benefit to all. Wonderful things for our future. And it is wonderful being your Mayor.

Commissioner Ross: Thanks the Manager, the Clerk and staff for putting this celebration together. You all wear many hats and your extra efforts are appreciated. This evening we passed an ordinance to amend the 2011-12 budget as required by state law. The affect though is we had to use reserves to cover expenses from 2011-12. Important to point that out. Village is in need for this Commission to work together and find ways to maintain and enhance our way of life. You heard from Representative Campbell and the money we did not get. There is no fairy godmother that will get this for us. We have to do it ourselves. Look forward to upcoming budget season to work with administration and have a budget that works with our goals and increases our services. Look forward to work with Commission to find ways and look outside of the box to increase revenues so that we can continue to go another 80 years.

Commissioner Anderson: Back when we were founded it was trying times. Everything done by hand. Some of that exists today like in the way our medians are shallow and why some are under water when there is a heavy rain. North Miami is doing improvements now. But in the past they did not maintain them and we are paying for it now. Things are changing. Even though revenues are down, our Manager is stretching every dollar. There is an increase in property values of 1.8%. Not much, but it's better than a negative. Hopefully next year, there will be more turnover in property. Please step outside your home and look around and see if you are happy with what you see. People are trying to sell, but one particular house in the area that is not kept up will reduce the value of all the others. See what you are doing to your neighbors. We've been around for 80 years and we will keep going.

Manager Garcia: Thanks staff, Cesar Hernandez, Candido Sosa-Cruz, and the entire team who worked hard on this. May not have gotten the state funding for the restoration of the cabin, but we will continue to do what we can. Thanks the residents here and for their involvement. It takes a Village and in these times, we need to get together. Your service to the boards is appreciated.

Manager Garcia recognized Chester Morris, former Biscayne Park Commissioner.

Chief Atesiano: Thanks for your support of the Police Department. Will continue to improve and enhance the department. Wants to be the safest in the state.

Manager Garcia recognized Clerk Camara and her continued involvement in her professional association and her efforts to attain her CMC certification. Thanks attorney John Hearn, as well as Building Official Sal Annesse and Finance Director Irwin Williams. Also the unsung heroes, or heroines, who take public service to the next level. Jeanie Bridges, Building Manager; Wendy Hernandez, Finance Clerk; and Mailan Nguyen, Administrative Clerk.

Manager Garcia: We are facing challenges with less revenues. Though we did not get the \$500,000 funding from the state, we did get a \$20,000 grant. We will continue to communicate with Tallahassee and plant seeds. We take great pride in our police department and Crime Watch and commends the efforts of Chuck Ross. This was the vision of Arthur Mertlow Griffing and we take pride in continuing his efforts. While we saw a small increase in proper values, there were cities around us that saw a decrease. I encourage you to help your neighbors during these times.

Commissioner Watts: Thank you for coming. This is important to have here at the log cabin and if we had more meetings here, we would always end early. Extends extra round of applause for staff. Don't give up on looking for ways to improve and enhance our cabin. Many years ago, the Village had an agreement with the State to sell cigarettes. We can't do that now, but there are other avenues we need to look at. In another piece of history, the first homeowners would camp under a canvas tent while their home was being built.

Commissioner Sally Heyman arrived and presented the commission with a proclamation.

9 Announcements

Clerk Camara read the announcements:

All public meetings are held at the Ed Burke Recreation Center,
11400 NE 9th Court, Biscayne Park.

Monday, June 17th - Planning & Zoning at 6:30pm

Thursday, June 20th - Ecology Board at 6:30pm

Saturday, June 29th - Community Safety Day from 10:00am to 1:00pm

Monday, July 1st - Planning & Zoning at 6:30pm

Thursday, July 4th - All Village Departments are closed for Independence Day Holiday

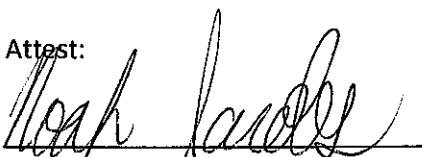
Our next regular Commission meeting is Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 7:00pm.

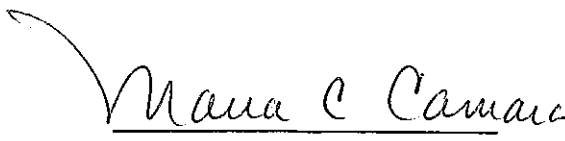
16 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm

Commission approved on 7/9/13.

Attest:


Noah Jacobs, Mayor


Maria Camara, Village Clerk